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TOPIC Soviet Rail Movements

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 18 to 30 April 1952

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 16 May 1952

REFERENCES [redacted]

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REMARKS [redacted]

SOURCE

[redacted]

1. Between 26 and 30 April 1952, only one Soviet troop train of 41 boxcars and 9 flatcars [redacted] of the Berlin railroad district. The train went from [redacted] to [redacted] under shipment-record [redacted]

2. The following is a list of trains loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station, compiled on the basis of [redacted] observations made by source. The list allegedly covers all shipments loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station between 18 April and 22 April 1952. All these trains were dispatched to Altenrabow.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Shipment-Record No</u>
18 April	14 boxcars; 19 flatcars	about 250 troops, trucks and field howitzers	75036
19 April	30 boxcars; 19 flatcars; 6 gondola cars	4 model M3 field howitzers, 22 trucks, 2 sedans, 1 ambulance, field bakery	75035
	37 boxcars; 31 flatcars; 1 gondola car	about 250 troops, 26 model 38 field howitzers, 2 model M2 field guns, 9 trucks and 2 sedans	75034
20 April	9 boxcars; 24 flatcars	about 20 soldiers; 18 x 160-mm mortars; 23 trucks; 2 sedans; and 2 field kitchens	75027
21 April	21 boxcars; 22 flatcars	about 200 troops; 15 x 160-mm mortars; 20 trucks; 2 sedans; 2 field kitchens	75032

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Train</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Shipment-Record No.</u>
21 April	15 boxcars; 2 flatcars	250 to 300 troops; 17 x 160-mm mortars; 4 x 82-mm mortars; 10 trucks; 2 sedans; 2 field kitchens	75034
22 April	12 boxcars; 2 flatcars 10 boxcars 20 flatcars	about 100 troops; 3 trucks, ammunition about 250 troops; 17 x 160 mm mortars; 15 trucks; 2 sedans	75038 75033 (8-5)

3. No unloadings were handled at the Rathenow-Lord railroad station between 18 and 22 April.

* [] Comment. The train was previously reported by another source. See []

** [] Comment. Except for train shipment-record No 75033, all trains were reported by another source []

[] It is believed that, between 15 and 23 April, 13 trains with elements of the 6th Army Div from Rathenow were dispatched to Altenrabow. Source's report of 67 x 160 mm mortars is of interest as this exceeds the 7/8 of the 35th (?) Mort Brig. According to 7/8, this brigade would probably have 64 mortars. However, the present report indicates that the brigade is apparently equipped exclusively with 160-mm mortars. As it is possible that the mortar brigade may have fewer weapons than is provided by 7/8, several mortars possibly belong to the 11th (?) How Artz Brig in the Pioneer Kaserne where a mortar battalion is believed to be stationed.

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